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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

A Brief Three Percent Catechism -- A discipline not for the faint-hearted

By Mike Vanderboegh, 29 June 2014

During the American Revolution, the active forces in the field against the King's tyranny never amounted to more than 3% of the colonists. They were actively supported by perhaps 10% of the population. Perhaps another 20% favored their cause but did little or nothing to support it. One-third of the population sided with the King and one third blew with the wind and took what came.

Three Percenters today do not claim that we represent 3% of the American people, although we might. We DO claim that we represent at least 3% of American gun owners, which is somewhere in the neighborhood of 3 million people. History is made by determined minorities. We are one such minority. So too are the current enemies of the Founders' Republic. What remains, then, is the test of will and skill to determine who shall shape the future of our nation.

The Three Percent today are gun owners who will not disarm, will not compromise and will no longer back up at the passage of the next gun control act. Three Percenters will not obey any further circumscription of our liberties and will defend ourselves if attacked. We intend to maintain our God-given natural rights to liberty and property, and that means most especially the right to keep and bear arms. Thus, we are committed to the restoration of the Founders' Republic, and are willing to fight, die and, if forced, to kill in the defense of ourselves and the Constitution that we all took an oath to uphold against enemies foreign and domestic.

The Three Percent are the citizens the Founders counted on to save the Republic when everyone else abandoned it. And we will. There will be no more free Wacos and no more free Katrinas. For we are the Three Percent. We will not disarm. You cannot convince us. You cannot intimidate us. You can kill us, if you think you can. But remember, we'll shoot back. We are not backing up another inch. And there are THREE MILLION OF US. The next move, if any, is up to the aspiring tyrants among the domestic enemies of the Constitution.

The Founders did not cede ground to the forces of the King until forced to do so and we must not. Indeed, this is one way that we make the local contacts and build the local networks so key to the Founders' concepts of the militia as the guardian of, and the true expression of the will of, the people. There is a place then, for all who adopt the Three Percent ideal, regardless of age, sex, fitness, infirmity.

The Three Percent idea is internalized and finds expression in action without any top-down organization issuing orders. This was on display at the Bundy Ranch stand-off when Three Percenters flocked on their own to the Bundy's defense, interposing themselves between the Bundys and the Feds. No call was issued, they came because they understood the concept of "No More Free Wacos." The Feds were shocked - first into inaction and then into retreat. Indeed, the Bundy confrontation may be seen as the proof of the successful weaponizing of the idea of the Three Percent.

Ed.: Mike, whose obituary we ran last month, founded the Three Percent movement. This edited

Catechism was taken from his Sipsey Street Irregulars blog, noreply@blogger.com (Dutchman 6)

NRA Statement on Terror Watch Lists

Fairfax, Va. -- The executive director of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action, Chris W. Cox, released the following statement regarding terror watchlists:

We are happy to meet with Donald Trump. The NRA's position on this issue has not changed. The NRA believes that terrorists should not be allowed to purchase or possess firearms, period. Anyone on a terror watchlist who tries to buy a gun should be thoroughly investigated by the FBI and the sale delayed while the investigation is ongoing. If an investigation uncovers evidence of terrorist activity or involvement, the government should be allowed to immediately go to court, block the sale, and arrest the terrorist. At the same time, due process protections should be put in place that allow law-abiding Americans who are wrongly put on a watchlist to be removed. That has been the position of Sen. John Cornyn (R.-Tex.) and a majority of the U.S. Senate. Sadly, President Obama and his allies would prefer to play politics with this issue.

-- June 15, 2016

Commentary: The NRA backs the idea of temporarily denying someone their Second Amendment rights if they are on a Terrorist Watchlist while the allegations are being investigated.

That is sort of a guilty-until-proven-innocent approach, as the person is denied a right by a bureaucrat without any due process. Once the investigation is over (no

mention of exactly how long that could take), if person is on the list wrongly, they can then purchase the firearm. Later, the person can go to court, and if a judge agrees, have their name pulled from the watchlist. I hope they have lots of time off work to do all that. It takes a bureaucrat two seconds to throw you on a list, but it can take you who knows how long to get off!

That's not how America is supposed to be, but that is the flawed mechanism that Trump backs, too.

And let's not forget about Hillary Clinton! She pushes the idea of using the Terrorist Watchlist to control guns every chance she gets. And unlike Trump and the NRA, I haven't heard her go into any detail about how she proposes an innocent person would get off that list. She's running on a gun-control agenda.

-- VA-ALERT: VCDL Update 9/30/16

Israel to Deploy Machine Gun-Equipped Autonomous Vehicles

Israel is set to use fully autonomous unmanned vehicles along the border with the Gaza Strip, according to *FoxNews.com*.

While currently unarmed, the Israeli military plans to add machine guns to the so-called Border Protector Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGVs) by "the beginning of next year".

An unnamed Israeli military official told the website: "This is the future.... Sending unmanned vehicles to do these patrols means that troops' lives are not at risk."

The Israeli army has worked with defence giant Elbit Systems to convert Ford pick-up trucks into UGVs by adding "specialised remote driving technology", along with "four driving cameras and a 360-degree observation camera."

While each vehicle is currently "driven by an operator in a remote control room using a steering wheel, joystick and pedals", an army official said that "in the future, we will have the capability of fully autonomous driving." The machine gun "will be operated from a control room."

-- Middle East Monitor, Sept. 6, 2016

What Olympic Shooting Champ Said About Gun Control Will Raise Eyebrows

Gun control advocates took one on the chin with yesterday's TIME article about five-time Olympic medal winner Kim Rhode in which the

champion shotgunner made this stunning observation:

"The Second Amendment was put in there not just so we can go shoot skeet or go shoot trap. It was put in so we could defend our first amendment, the freedom of speech, and also to defend ourselves against our own government."

The 37-year-old Rhode is not a "soccer mom," she's a "shotgun mom."

Anti-gunners had a hard enough time choking down the fact that America's first gold medal in Rio came to a female air rifle shooter in the 10-meter competition. Nineteen-year-old Ginny Thrasher aced the competition, setting a new record in the process.

-- libertyparkpress.com, Aug. 11, 2016

New Statistics Show More Killings Between Races

Interracial homicides have reached levels not seen since president Barack Obama first took office, according to the latest statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Most notably, white-on-black killings spiked by 22.5 percent between 2014 and 2015 after years of mostly trending downward. Overall, more than twice as many black-on-white homicides occurred compared with white-on-black homicides per 100,000 people in 2015.

FBI data show that while 500 black-on-white killings and 229 white-on-black killings were estimated to have occurred per every 100,000 people in 2015, a whopping 2,574 homicides were committed by whites against other whites, and 2,380 by blacks against blacks.

The new statistics, derived from data submitted to the FBI by more than 16,000 college and university, federal, state, city, county and tribal agencies.

--Intl Business News, Sept. 30, 2016

12 States with Constitutional Carry of Firearms

*VERMONT - since the nation's founding in 1791

*MONTANA - 1991, for all areas outside city limits

*ALASKA - 2003

*TEXAS - Constitutional Carry "light" in 2007 in the "Motorist Protection Act," freeing people to carry in their vehicles, and to and from their vehicles and their homes, land or business.

*ARIZONA - 2010

*WYOMING - 2011 for residents

*ARKANSAS - 2013

*KANSAS - 2015

*WEST VIRGINIA - March 2016

*IDAHO - March 2016

*MISSISSIPPI - April 2016

*MISSOURI - will go into effect in 2017

Note: Virginia has open Constitutional Carry, but not concealed.

-- Compiled by Ted Knight

Washington state shooting suspect was under 'no firearm' order

A 20-year-old suspect was in custody on Sunday for the killing of five people during a deadly shooting at Cascade Mall in Burlington, WA.

Arcan Cetin of Oak Harbor, Washington, a legal permanent resident who had immigrated to the US from Turkey, was discovered "zombie-like", police said.

The suspect had been charged three times with domestic assault against his stepfather and had been ordered by a judge not to possess a firearm, according to the Seattle Times.

-- www.theguardian.com/2016/sep/25

Commentary: Washington State has Universal Background checks and yet Cascade Mall was a gun-free killing zone.

One commentator lays the blame for the mall shooting on multiculturalism. He says that US immigration policies changed in 1965 from accepting people of European descent to people from third-world countries so the Democrats could expand their voter base. -- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/StefanMolyneux> 26 September 2016

Simulation Training: Are You Actually Ready to Use Your Gun in an Emergency?

By Daisy Luther

If you are a gun owner, especially one who carries a firearm on a daily basis, you've probably wondered how you would fare if you had to use your weapon in a life-and-death situation. Could you hit a moving target? Would you freeze under pressure? Would you accidentally harm bystanders in your attempt to take down a threat? With virtual simulation training, you can find out the answers to these questions.

At Virtual Safe Shot in Fair Oaks, California, a strong emphasis is on shoot/don't shoot scenarios. Not all situations require that your firearm be discharged and so the instructors mix up the situations.

Some scenarios that were addressed in the training I took read

like a person's worst nightmare: convenience store robbery, mass shooting at a school, carjacking, home invasion, surprising a burglar in your home.

Even though you know the situation isn't real and that your life is not in danger, you get a surge of adrenaline – you know something is going down, but you don't know what to expect. Everything that happens, happens fast.

The guns at the facility are real Glock 17s that have been modified to shoot only harmless lasers. The recoil is CO2 driven so you get the feel of shooting a gun with real ammo – this means that you must quickly reacquire your target if a second shot is needed. Beginners work with stationary targets and replica pistols, while advanced shooters practice simulations in which they must draw their weapons, move, verbally interact, take cover, and shoot from a covered position. The accuracy of this technology is 4 pixels – if you show a hit on the screen, it would have been a hit in real life.

Any time you discharge your firearm, even to defend your life or someone else's, you have to be able to defend your action legally.

The instructors, who are retired police officers, discussed each scenario with us after it was finished. They explained what we would likely be asked when the police arrived on the scene and also, what might make officers believe that a self-defense shooting was actually a homicide. (Hint: You were in fear for your life and you want a lawyer. Then, shut up until your attorney arrives.)

If you carry, you need some advanced training. Virtual simulation training is not a substitute for shooting your real firearm, but it's an incredible complementary type of training. This is the level of tactical training that professionals get, and if you can find it in your area, you'll be far better prepared to use your firearm – or not – should the situation warrant that you do so.

-- freedomoutpost.com Aug. 30, 2016

Cities Demand Local Police Disclose Use of Spy Gear

By Candice Bernd

After another round of police shootings this week of two Black men sparked an uprising in Charlotte, NC, at least 11 cities announced the introduction of ordinances that would force transparency in local police departments' acquisition and use of secretive surveillance technologies,

which are disproportionately used to target communities of color -- as well as the newest generation of civil rights activists.

The bills include measures mandating that the acquisition and/or use of local police surveillance tools like "Stingray" cellphone tracking equipment, automated license plate readers, facial recognition technology and closed-circuit television cameras, be explicitly approved by local city councils and subject to a public hearing.

The effort is part of the "Community Control Over Police Surveillance" initiative, launched in partnership with a coalition of human and civil rights organizations, including the NAACP, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Network for Arab American Communities and the Million Hoodies Movement for Justice, among others.

The cities announcing legislative measures this week include Washington, D.C., New York City, Seattle, Richmond, Milwaukee and Miami Beach.

Surveillance equipment developed for foreign battlefields and to monitor terrorism suspects has been making its way to Main Street for several years by way of federal grants from the Department of Homeland Security. Local police departments often acquire sophisticated spy gear with little or no input from the public, elected officials or even judges.

Revelations in late August that the Baltimore Police Department used privately contracted surveillance technology to secretly monitor vast tracts of the city without a warrant sparked renewed concern by civil liberties advocates. The program involves flying a small Cessna over a 32-square-mile swath of the city and recording the area. The video is then saved and can be analyzed at any particular point in time and space.

A Maryland court subsequently ruled that the use of "Stingray" cellphone tracking equipment to obtain warrants in hundreds of cases was unconstitutional.

"The federal government cannot force local police departments to use surveillance technology," said Chad Marlow of the ACLU. "What we suggest to local jurisdictions is adopting, as a part of their bill... if there's a non-disclosure agreement with the technology, that cannot be accepted."

-- Truthout Report 23 September 2016

Civil Forfeiture: Legalized Government Robbery

California governor Jerry Brown signed a bill into law last week that would prohibit the police from seizing property – and money – from individuals without due process. Both the left and the right called the move "historic" and "one of the most important reforms for civil forfeiture in years." Even The New York Times, in its October 2 print edition, called it a rare example of the left and right uniting to "rein in government abuse of civil forfeiture."

The previous California law required a criminal conviction for forfeitures under \$25,000. But local police in the state circumvented that by using a much weaker federal law to seize assets. As The New York Times reported, "California police would file state charges against a target, but then outsource the forfeiture to the federal government." The feds don't need any criminal conviction whatsoever to seize anybody's assets. Indeed, federal law enforcement can take any property for themselves if they "suspect it is being used for a crime."

Civil forfeiture laws are nothing more than legalized, government-sponsored robbery.

Civil forfeiture laws were conceived and passed in the 1980s and 1990s to be used as a tool against drug smugglers. The idea was that local law enforcement also could use the seized assets to further battle illegal activity. The cops would use the smugglers' own assets against them.

But free money does funny things to people. According to The Washington Post, 2014 federal asset seizures totaled \$5 billion. That same year, Americans lost \$3.5 billion in burglaries and robberies. And that's just federal law enforcement. Many states don't report statistics, but the 14 that do reported seizing another \$250 million in 2013.

The fix is in on this legalized government robbery. If the courts aren't going to declare civil forfeiture without conviction illegal, the state legislatures – and Congress – must.

-- readersupportednews.org/opinion, 05 October 2016

Is California's new law a model for curbing prosecutorial misconduct?

Prosecutors who intentionally withhold or tamper with evidence in California may now face prison time, thanks to a first-of-its-kind law signed by Gov. Jerry Brown last week. Such

offenses, previously considered misdemeanors, are now punishable by felony charges and up to three years in prison.

Legal experts say that the new law reflects a larger, growing movement to hold prosecutors and others working within the criminal justice system accountable.

The National Registry of Exonerations, launched in 2012, has counted 1,894 Americans exonerated since 1989. Fifty-one percent of those wrongful convictions were due to official misconduct, occurring most commonly in homicide cases. Such misconduct includes instances of prosecutors withholding, or tampering with, exculpatory evidence.

"Right now, there's very little out there that can make prosecutors accountable," says Bennett Gershman, a professor at Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law, in a phone interview with The Christian Science Monitor.

However, Professor Gershman adds, enforcing the law may prove challenging.

"You're asking prosecutors to enforce a law against prosecutors, and that's a little bit tricky," he explains. "You don't know whether prosecutors will have the stomach, the will, or the interest in investigating other prosecutors."

One former prosecutor, Daniel R. Alonso, who served in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, worries that the new law will create a culture of fear among prosecutors.

"Once you single out prosecutors in this way, you make an already difficult job much more difficult," he tells the Monitor. "You risk discouraging people from public service for fear of getting attacked, and for fear of baseless claims."

To curb prosecutorial misconduct while reducing the chances of baseless claims, Alonso suggests creating a "strong law" that criminalizes tampering of evidence by any officer of the court.

The California law is not an end-all solution to the problem, experts say.

"In the long term, there have to be other mechanisms," says Ellen Yaroshefsky, director of the Monroe H. Freedman Institute for the Study of Legal Ethics at Hofstra University.

Those mechanisms include reforms in hiring practices, training, supervision, and judicial action, she tells the Monitor in a phone interview.

-- www.csmonitor.com October 5, 2016

Obama Has Created the Most Intrusive Surveillance Apparatus in the World. To What End?

By James Bamford

On June 11, at Cape Canaveral, a Delta IV Heavy, America's most powerful rocket, launched an Advanced Orion, the world's largest satellite.

The mission's patch depicted a masked, armored knight standing defensively before an American flag. According to the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), the intelligence agency responsible for the satellite, the image delivered "a message of tenacious, fierce focus ... representing extreme reach with global coverage."

In a sense, this was a fitting tribute to President Barack Obama who has created the most powerful surveillance state the world has ever seen. From 22,300 miles in space, where seven Advanced Orion crafts now orbit; to a 1-million-square-foot building in the Utah desert that stores data intercepted from personal phones, emails, and social media accounts; to taps along the millions of miles of undersea cables that encircle the Earth, U.S. surveillance has expanded exponentially, at a cost of more than \$100 billion.

This is a defining feature of Obama's legacy — and one that threatens to become never-ending, even after he's left the White House.

Six weeks after the 9/11 attacks, the Patriot Act, which greatly expanded the government's surveillance powers, was signed by President Bush. A few months later, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) developed the Total Information Awareness program, designed to vacuum up banking transactions, travel documents, medical files, and more from citizens. After the media exposed the program, which didn't use warrants, Congress shut it down in 2003. Much of the operation, though, was simply transferred to the NSA.

In 2005, the New York Times revealed that Bush had authorized the NSA to monitor the international electronic communications "of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people in the U. S." from taps inside AT&T facilities and from satellites. Each day, millions of communications were scanned for addresses and keywords associated with al Qaeda. Any leads were sent to the FBI. (A secret internal analysis conducted by

the bureau in 2006 indicated that no information had proved useful.)

Obama, then a senator, gave a speech defending civil liberties and asking the Senate to hold off on voting to reauthorize the Patriot Act. "This legislation gives people no rights to appeal the need for such a search in a court of law," the former constitutional law professor declared. "This is just plain wrong."

In his White House bid, in 2007, he promised, "No more secrecy. That's a commitment that I make to you as president.... That means no more illegal wiretapping of American citizens."

Yet opponents were hammering Obama for being weak on terrorism. In 2008, he announced his support for a sweeping surveillance law that largely legalized the NSA's warrantless eavesdropping program and granted immunity to telecom companies that aided in spying.

After being elected, Obama staffed up with officials who supported mass surveillance, most notably NSA's chief, Keith Alexander, a three-star general whose preferred spying method was blunt. According to a document leaked by Snowden Alexander asked, "Why can't we collect all the signals all the time?" He applied this approach in Iraq, in a powerful computer analysis system known as the Real Time Regional Gateway. He also ran the NSA's massive metadata surveillance program, which involved secretly keeping track of every phone in the U.S. what numbers were called, from where, and exactly when.

When Obama was re-elected, in Bluffdale, Utah, construction was in progress on the pièce de résistance of his shadow empire. The \$2 billion, 1-million-square-foot complex was the centerpiece of the NSA's global eavesdropping operations. Into it would flow streams of emails, text messages, tweets, Google searches, financial records, Facebook posts, YouTube videos, metadata, and telephone chatter picked up by satellites, cable taps, and listening posts.

In the surveillance state Obama has built, this deluge threatens to bury the few needles that might exist — warnings of attacks, signals of radicalizing groups, rallying cries of extremist recruiters — even deeper in the proverbial haystack.

In 2015 Obama signed an executive order urging the creation of an exaflop supercomputer — a machine about 30 times faster than anything in existence. It would be capable of conducting more than a

quintillion (1,000,000,000,000,000,000) operations per second. The president's charge was mostly targeted at the scientific community; behind the scenes, however, the NSA has been preparing to breach the exaflop barrier since 2011.

This is Obama's legacy on surveillance: a shadow state of brick and mortar, hardware and software, satellites and eavesdroppers, that is ready to grow on the next president's command. How big is too big, though, is a question the outgoing president has never answered fully. At what point does gathering data become an end in itself, rather than a means to an end?

Unless answers come, 50 years from now, the world may look back at Obama's architecture of surveillance — full of radomes, windowless walls, phone taps, and double-ringed fences — with the same puzzled astonishment that 1950s bomb shelters elicit today—Foreign Policy, September 25, 2016

Fed Contractor Tells Mayor to Stay Quiet on Syrian Refugees

By Tom Finton

Today we released 128 pages of documents we obtained from the mayor of Rutland, Vt., showing a concerted effort to conceal from the public their plans to resettle 100 Syrian refugees in the small Vermont town.

The documents include an April 14, 2016, email from Amila Merdzanovic, executive director of the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, to Mayor Christopher Loras, in which she wrote: "I want to share with you the concern my HQ has about holding a public forum. If we open it up to anybody and everybody, all sorts of people will come out of woodwork. Anti-immigrant, anti-anything. They suggest that the forum be invite only but make it as wide as possible. Work with faith leaders, United Way, etc."

The mayor and resettlement organizations shrouded the plan in such secrecy that not even the town's aldermen were informed. The aldermen eventually wrote to the U.S. Department of State protesting the plan and opened an investigation into the mayor's actions. The State Department has not yet ruled on whether it will resettle refugees in Rutland.

Handwritten notes state that the issue was, "Not what can 'we' do for 'them,' but what the diversity, cultural richness do for the community."

The documents contain detailed discussions of what Rutland

will need to provide for the refugees — including housing, jobs, medical care, and places for worship.

We received the documents in response to a Vermont Public Records Law request to the office of Mayor Christopher Loras.

A set of April talking points by the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants stated: "Refugees can bring global perspectives and expertise . . . direct knowledge about history and world events (unfiltered by media) . . . synergize energy & momentum with youth."

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, a nonprofit based in Virginia, is the parent organization of the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program working with the mayor's office. According to its financial statements the Committee received \$46,560,462 of its \$50,858,706 (or 91.45 percent) for fiscal year 2015 from "government grants."

In December 2015 Judicial Watch sued the U.S. State Department to obtain documents about the Obama administration's plan to resettle Syrian refugees across the country.

Obama is pressing ahead with his plan even though 129 people were killed and 350 were wounded by Syrian-trained terrorists in Paris. The Obama administration is working in conjunction with The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to settle these individuals all across the U.S. The federal government contracts with non-profits and other entities to settle and provide financial payments to refugees.

Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, is a nationally recognized expert on government corruption. A former talk radio and television host and analyst, Tom is well known across the country as a national spokesperson for the conservative cause. — Judicial Watch, 11 Oct. 2016

A Muslim Family Flees the U.S.

Abdul Aziz, age 7, returned home from school in Cary, North Carolina last week, after schoolmates punched him in the face, kicked him in the stomach, and twisted his arm while chanting "Muslim."

For the boy's mother, Binish Bhagwanee, this was the final straw.

"I'm done with the U.S.," she told her husband, Zeeshan-ul-hassan Usmani Friday, according to the Huffington Post.

"He was born in Florida. As American as you can think of. He likes Captain America. He wants to be president of the United States of America," Usmani told The Huffington Post, speaking over Skype from Pakistan, where the family has since fled.

And then there was the time, Usmani's eldest son, 14, had a classmate bring a knife to school that his dad had purchased from Colombia. Following suit, Usmani's son brought a knife to school that his dad had bought in Pakistan. Students taunted him, mercilessly.

The school went on lockdown, and the teenager was suspended for six months. Usmani's son has been homeschooled ever since but continues to suffer from depression and anxiety.

While Usmani will split time between Pakistan and the U.S. because of his work, his family would consider moving back to the country if Donald Trump loses the election.

But their country of origin is also not safe.

Three years ago, Usmani's team won first-place at the TiE StartUp Cup Pakistan, a business model competition.

"On our way back from the competition, we got robbed," Usmani wrote in an email. "They were 9 Dacoits, they beat me up very badly, beat my wife and 10 years old son and took away all the cash, mobiles, laptop, camera, all debit/credit cards everything. So now I have a lazy eye, injured rib, and few less teeth."

"I'm in a very interesting dilemma," he said. "I guess I can't live anywhere in world."

-- teleSUR 14 October 2016

Got Buyback? Here's the Simplest Homemade Pistol

By Max Slowik

Mark Serbu of Serbu Firearms is gauging interest on an extremely simple homemade single-shot rimfire pistol kit. The design has only four main components and all can be made easily at home with just a few common tools.

Serbu's gun, the GB-22 -- for Gun Buyback .22 -- is primarily built around a frame or receiver, a barrel, a slide and a spring. All four components can be manufactured from basic stock materials including the spring, which is music wire turned around a drill bit. Other components and features can be added to the design but as it is it's a complete, functioning firearm.

The GB-22 is chambered for .22 Long Rifle, which means that the

design doesn't require headspacing or anything else requiring specialized tools. It doesn't have a magazine so it can fire from an open bolt.

Video published October 5, 2016, is available on JPFO's website
-- Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, Oct. 13, 2016

Key Neocon Calls on US to Oust Putin

By Robert Parry

The neoconservative president of the taxpayer-funded National Endowment for Democracy has called for the U.S. government to "summon the will" to engineer the overthrow of Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying that the murder of a Russian journalist should be the inspiration.

Carl Gershman, who has headed NED since its founding in 1983, doesn't cite any evidence that Putin was responsible for the death of Anna Politkovskaya but uses a column in The Washington Post on Friday to create that impression.

In fact NED is a neocon-driven vehicle that seeks "regime change" even when that means removing leaders who are elected.

In 1983, NED essentially took over the CIA's role of influencing electoral outcomes and destabilizing governments in a quasi-overt fashion while the CIA did them covertly.

Gershman is a neocon paymaster who dispenses some \$100 million a year in U.S. taxpayers' money to activists, journalists and NGOs both in Washington and around the world. The money helps them undermine governments in Washington's disfavor — or as Gershman would prefer to say, "build democratic institution."

NED was a lead actor in the Feb. 22, 2014 coup ousting Ukraine's elected President Viktor Yanukovich in a putsch that touched off the civil war between nationalists from the west and ethnic Russians from the east. The Ukraine crisis has become a flashpoint for the dangerous New Cold War between the U.S. and Russia.

NED was created in 1983 at the urging of CIA Director William J. Casey, who wanted to off-load some of the CIA's traditional work ensuring that foreign elections turned out in ways acceptable to Washington, and when they didn't — as in Iran under Mossadegh, in Guatemala under Arbenz or in Chile under Allende — to undermine and remove the offending electoral winner.

In one undated letter to then-White House counselor Edwin Meese III, Casey urged creation of a "National Endowment," but he recognized the need to hide the strings being pulled by the CIA. "Obviously we here [at CIA] should not ... appear to be a sponsor or advocate," Casey wrote.

The National Endowment for Democracy took shape as Congress decided to also set aside pots of money — within NED — for the Republican and Democratic parties and for organized labor, creating enough bipartisan largesse that passage was assured.

Gershman, who had followed the classic neoconservative path from youthful socialism to fierce anticommunism, became NED's first (and, to this day, only) president...

Investigative reporter Robert Parry broke many of the Iran-Contra stories for The Associated Press and Newsweek in the 1980s. His latest book is America's Stolen Narrative.

-- Consortium News 10 October 2016

Gun-Show Customers' License Plates Come Under Scrutiny

Federal agents have persuaded local police officers to scan license plates to gather information about gun-show customers raising questions about how officials monitor constitutionally protected activity.

Emails reviewed by The Wall Street Journal show agents with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency crafted a plan in 2010 to use license-plate readers—devices that record the plate numbers of all passing cars—at gun shows in Southern

California, including one in Del Mar, not far from the Mexican border.

Agents then compared that information to cars that crossed the border, hoping to find gun smugglers.

The investigative tactic concerns privacy and guns-rights advocates, who call it an invasion of privacy. The law-enforcement officials say it is an important and legal tool for pursuing dangerous, hard-to-track illegal activity.

There is no indication the gun-show surveillance led to any arrests or investigative leads, but the officials didn't rule out that such surveillance may have happened elsewhere. The agency has no written policy on its use of license-plate readers and could engage in similar surveillance in the future, they said.

-- Wall Street Journal, Oct. 12, 2016

Half of US Adults Are Recorded in Police Facial Recognition Databases

Whether they like it or not, about half of all Americans are pictured in a digital "perpetual line-up," composed of databases handled either by the FBI or local police departments, the Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law Center finds in a new study published Tuesday.

According to "The Perpetual Line-Up: Unregulated Police Face Recognition in America," about one in four police departments have access to face recognition technology, but only one of the 52 which acknowledged use of the software had legislative approval, the Miami Herald reported.

Perpetual Line-Up co-author Alvaro Bedoya said in a press release: "Innocent people don't belong in criminal databases. By using face recognition to scan the faces on 26 states' driver's license and ID photos, police and the FBI have basically enrolled half of all adults in a massive virtual lineup. This has never been done for fingerprints or DNA. It's uncharted and frankly dangerous territory."

-- RT 19 October 2016

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